

*CLAIM AMENDMENTS*

1. (Previously Presented) A container comprising:

a first sidewall and a second sidewall, said first sidewall includes a first fastening strip, said second sidewall includes a second fastening strip;

the fastening strips are configured to allow the fastening strips to interlock and separate, when the fastening strips are interlocked, the fastening strips are occluded and the container is sealed, when the fastening strips are separated, the fastening strips are deoccluded and the container is open,

a first side seal to be disposed along a first edge of said first and second sidewalls for joining said sidewalls at said first edge;

a second side seal to be disposed along a second edge of said first and second sidewalls for joining said sidewalls at said second edge;

a third side seal to be disposed along said first side seal.

2. (Original) The invention as in claim 1 wherein the container includes a slider adapted to be slidably disposed on said fastening strips and facilitating the occlusion of said fastening strips when moved towards a first end thereof and facilitating the deocclusion of said fastening strips when moved towards a second end thereof.

3. (Original) The invention as in claim 1 having a longitudinal X axis and a transverse Y axis, said transverse Y axis being perpendicular to said longitudinal X axis, said container having a vertical Z axis, said vertical Z axis being perpendicular to said longitudinal X axis, said vertical Z axis being perpendicular to said transverse Y axis, said first and third side seals disposed parallel to said vertical Z axis.

4. (Original) The invention as in claim 1 wherein the container includes a fourth side seal to be disposed along said second side seal.

5. (Original) The invention as in claim 1 wherein the container includes a fifth side seal to be disposed along said first and third side seals.

6. (Original) The invention as in claim 4 wherein the container includes a fifth side seal to be disposed along said first and third side seals and a sixth side seal to be disposed along said second and fourth side seals.

7. (Original) The invention as in claim 1 wherein a gap is positioned between the first side seal and the third side seal.

8. (Original) The invention as in claim 4 wherein a first gap is positioned between the first side seal and the third side seal and a second gap is positioned between the second side seal and the fourth side seal.

9. (Original) The invention as in claim 1 wherein said side seals are manufactured by heat sealing.

10. (Original) The invention as in claim 1 wherein said side seals are manufactured by ultrasonic sealing.

11. (Original) The invention as in claim 1 wherein said side seals are manufactured using adhesives that attach the sidewalls together.

12. (Original) The invention as in claim 1 wherein said fastening strips comprise U-channel type fastening strips.

13. (Original) The invention as in claim 1 wherein said fastening strips comprise arrowhead type fastening strips.

14. (Original) The invention as in claim 1 wherein said fastening strips comprise profile type fastening strips.

15. (Original) The invention as in claim 1 wherein said fastening strips comprise rolling action type fastening strips.

16. (Previously Presented) A method of manufacturing a container comprising: providing a first sidewall and a second sidewall, said first sidewall includes a first fastening strip, said second sidewall includes a second fastening strip, the fastening strips are configured to allow the fastening strips to interlock and separate, when the fastening strips are interlocked, the fastening strips are occluded and the container is sealed, when the fastening strips are separated, the fastening strips are deoccluded and the container is open;

providing a first side seal to be disposed along a first edge of said first and second sidewalls for joining said sidewalls at said first edge;

providing a second side seal to be disposed along a second edge of said first and second sidewalls for joining said sidewalls at said second edge;

providing a third side seal to be disposed along said first side seal.

17. (Original) The invention as in claim 16 wherein the container includes a slider adapted to be slidably disposed on said fastening strips and facilitating the occlusion of said fastening strips when moved towards a first end thereof and facilitating the deocclusion of said fastening strips when moved towards a second end thereof.

18. (Original) The invention as in claim 17 having a longitudinal X axis and a transverse Y axis, said transverse Y axis being perpendicular to said longitudinal X axis, said container having a vertical Z axis, said vertical Z axis being perpendicular to said longitudinal X axis, said vertical Z axis being perpendicular to said transverse Y axis, said first and third side seals disposed parallel to said vertical Z axis.

19. (Original) The invention as in claim 16 wherein the container includes a fourth side seal to be disposed along said second side seal.

20. (Original) The invention as in claim 16 wherein the container includes a fifth side seal to be disposed along said first and third side seals.

21. (Original) The invention as in claim 19 wherein the container includes a fifth side seal to be disposed along said first and third side seals and a sixth side seal to be disposed along said second and fourth side seals.

22. (Original) The invention as in claim 16 wherein a gap is positioned between the first side seal and the third side seal.

23. (Original) The invention as in claim 19 wherein a first gap is positioned between the first side seal and the third side seal and a second gap is positioned between the second side seal and the fourth side seal.

24. (Original) The invention as in claim 16 wherein said side seals are manufactured by heat sealing.

25. (Original) The invention as in claim 16 wherein said side seals are manufactured by ultrasonic sealing.

26. (Original) The invention as in claim 16 wherein said side seals are manufactured using adhesives that attach the sidewalls together.

27. (Original) The invention as in claim 16 wherein said fastening strips comprise U-channel type fastening strips.

28. (Original) The invention as in claim 16 wherein said fastening strips comprise arrowhead type fastening strips.

29. (Original) The invention as in claim 16 wherein said fastening strips comprise profile type fastening strips.

30. (Original) The invention as in claim 16 wherein said fastening strips comprise rolling action type fastening strips.